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Re: Application of Jun OBA, Jun, Kunio TANAKA, Nobuyuki TAKAHASHI and  
Takashi FUJISAKI  
**CASTABLE REFRACTORY POWDER COMPOSITION, PREMIXED  
MATERIAL PREPARED THEREFROM, METHOD FOR CASTING  
PREMIXED MATERIAL, AND HARDENED REFRACTORY BODY  
OBTAINED THEREFROM**  
**Assignee: TAIKO REFRACTORIES CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q85544

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 1 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs 1a and 1b).
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.



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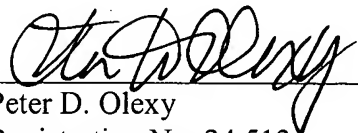
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Priority is claimed from:

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